

Transfer of RBHA Services - Competitive Contract Expansion - YH20-0002

MAJOR DECISIONS – IV

05/06/20

Decisions are Subject to Change

MAJOR DECISIONS FOR YH20-0002 COMPETITIVE CONTRACT EXPANSION

1. Postponement of Competitive Contract Expansion

The Competitive Contract Expansion (CCE) anticipated to be released August 4, 2020 and implemented October 1, 2021 has been postponed due to the focused response to the COVID-19 pandemic by AHCCCS and its Managed Care Organizations. Activities will resume next year for an anticipated implementation date of October 1, 2022. Due to this postponement the below major decisions are being shared.

2. RBHA Term of Contract Changes

The Greater Arizona and Maricopa County RBHA Terms of Contract will be extended through September 30, 2022.

3. ACC Term of Contract

The ACC Term of Contract will be revised to include an additional two-year extension through September 30, 2027. This will allow for an ACC-RBHA Contract Term of a total of five years.

4. Crisis - Postponement of Anticipated Changes

With postponement of the CCE, AHCCCS will also be postponing its decision to have MCOs jointly select, contract with, and oversee a single, statewide crisis phone vendor responsible for implementing an easy to use, 24/7 crisis phone number and crisis response system including mobile team dispatch. Implementation is anticipated to be effective October 1, 2022. No changes are anticipated to the RBHA crisis system.

5. Housing Services

AHCCCS will continue development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a single statewide Housing Administrator contracted directly with AHCCCS for an implementation date of October 1, 2021; with the release of an RFP anticipated for the Fall of 2020. This will allow time to transition services from the current RBHAs to the Housing Administrator.

The Housing Administrator will be responsible for management and administration of all AHCCCS permanent supportive housing subsidies funded through state-appropriated housing and supported housing dollars. Key responsibilities of the Housing Administrator will include, but not be limited to, the acceptance of referrals from all AHCCCS programs, housing quality inspections, legal compliance, verification of eligibility documentation, member briefings, subsidy payments, renewals, and required housing reporting. Review and award of SMI Housing Trust Fund monies for capital projects for members determined SMI will remain with AHCCCS as will oversight and distribution of housing funds to the RBHAs. AHCCCS may employ a phased in approach for implementation of the Housing Administrator.

6. Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Administration - Prevention

AHCCCS will proceed with its decision to discontinue the allocation of Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funding used for prevention services to the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs), effective July 1, 2021. AHCCCS will retain this portion of the SABG funding and directly contract with providers for prevention services effective July 1, 2021. The prevention funding currently administered by the Governor's Office for Youth, Faith, and Family (GOYFF) will remain with GOYFF.

The RBHAs will continue to be responsible for administering the remaining SABG and MHBG funding not related to prevention services. AHCCCS will continue to collaborate with the RBHAs as it pertains to MHBG and SABG; no changes will be made to prevention or other block grant services for the RBHAs.

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7. American Indian/Alaska Native Options for members determined to have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)

The below anticipated assignment options for AI/AN members determined to have an SMI are postponed. Implementation is anticipated to be effective October 1, 2022.

Current Enrollment for Individuals Determined to Have an SMI	Assignment for Physical Health Services on 10/1/2022	Assignment for Behavioral Health Services (including SMI) on 10/1/2022
AIHP and TRBHA, where available	AIHP	TRBHA
ACC-RBHA	ACC-RBHA	ACC-RBHA
AIHP and RBHA	AIHP	Members will transition to AIHP
ACC and TRBHA	Members will transition to AIHP	TRBHA
ACC and RBHA	Not a choice option except as Waiver qualified opt-out	Not a choice option except as Waiver qualified opt-out. If opt-out, BH is through ACC-RBHA

Note: The American Indian Health Program (AIHP) is administered directly by AHCCCS and is available statewide. AI/AN members can continue to receive services at Indian Health Services or Tribally owned/operated facilities regardless of health plan enrollment. AI/AN members will continue to have ongoing choice between managed care and Fee-For-Services (FFS), including all of the options detailed above, as they do today.